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## Launch of UN Volunteer Population Data Fellowships - a joint initiative between UNFPA and UNV

UNV and the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), in partnership, have launched a Population Data Fellowship Programme. This initiative will provide early-career professionals with the opportunity to contribute to UNFPA's technical work on population and development, while at the same time the Fellows will be introduced to the fields of civil registration and vital statistics.

The UN Volunteer Population Data Fellows will work with UNFPA in advancing applied research, technical assistance and capacity building in civil registration and vital statistics; in close collaboration with national statistics offices, civil registration authorities and related UNFPA institutional partners.

The fellowship programme provides an opportunity to bring eight early-career professionals into UNFPA, offering participants a unique opportunity for professional development. Enabling professionals to realise their full learning and career development is a key aspect

of this UNV-UNFPA partnership.

This program has been made possible with the generous support of the [Centre of Excellence for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics \(CRVS\) Systems](#), housed at Canada's [International Development Research Centre](#) (IDRC). The Centre of Excellence is a global resource hub that actively supports national efforts to develop, strengthen, and scale up sustainable CRVS systems that work for all, especially women and children.

UNV will recruit professionals from around the world who have preferably a Masters degree and at least two years of professional experience related to demography, data science, applied statistics, or mixed methods research. Candidates should demonstrate commitment to UNFPA's mandate through academic, extra-curricular or volunteer activities.

UN Volunteer Population Data Fellows will profit from online learning tools and courses, as well as individual career coaching. Fellows will also attend an onboarding workshop early in their assignment and a leadership and career development workshop before the end of their assignment.

The UN Volunteer Population Data Fellows will be fully integrated into UNFPA's work to ensure maximum learning, exposure and professional development. UNFPA will provide technical induction, fostering a community of practice and peer-to-peer learning among participants, ongoing monitoring and opportunities for on-the-job training.

Fellows, in turn, will provide talent and ideas for the fulfilment of UNFPA's mandate, and contribute to civil registration, demographic data quality assessments and the production of vital statistics. Field research will also be part of some of these UN Volunteer assignments, where Fellows will look into under-registration of vital events and its socioeconomic consequences.

If you are an early-career professional with at least two years of professional experience related to demography, data science, applied statistics, or mixed methods research, self-motivated and can thrive in an international, multidisciplinary environment - check out available assignments below (more positions will be advertised soon so check for updates). Women, indigenous people, people with disabilities, LGBTQI candidates and other marginalized groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

More positions will be advertised soon – please keep referring back to this page!

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